

## Peer Review Plan

Topic of Review:	<u>Southern Forest Futures Project</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Influential Scientific Information</b>
Agency:	<u>USDA Forest Service</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Highly Influential Scientific Assessment</b>
Agency Contact:	<u>Co-leaders: David Wear, Southern Research Station, and John Greis, Southern Region</u>	
Subject of Review:	<u>This set of reports provides forecasts of alternative future forest conditions, uses, and values for the southeastern United States and evaluates several "meta-issues" defined through 15 public meetings held across the South. The report broadly addresses the sustainability of the South's forests as well as management implications and research needs.</u>	
Purpose of Report:	<u>To provide credible, objective information foundation for private and public forest managers and participants in public policy discourse.</u>	
Type of Review:	<input type="checkbox"/> Panel Review <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Reviewers	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alternative Process (Briefly Explain): Three types of products are being produced: A Technical Report containing 17 chapters addressing various forecasts and meta-issues, a Summary Report providing a synthesis of findings from the Technical Report, and Management Implications Reports for each of five subregions. The Technical and Summary Reports will be completed in early 2011. The Management Implications Reports will be completed later in the year. Each of the 17 chapters of the Technical Report and the Summary Report will be examined by between 3 and 6 reviewers selected for their technical expertise regarding the topic. No single reviewer will review more than two of the chapters/summary report. Each of the Management Implications Reports will be reviewed by 5 to 7 technical reviewers, selected for their technical expertise and familiarity with the relevant Subregion.	
Timing of Review (Est.):	Start: <u>11/2010</u>	End: <u>3/2011</u> Completed: _____
Number of Reviewers:	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 or fewer	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 to 10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More than 10
Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review:	<u>The Southern Forest Futures Project addresses issues that span several topics including biodiversity, water, forest management, timber markets, recreation, demographics, climate, invasive plants, fire, and taxes, and so several disciplines will be needed to effectively review the various Chapters and Reports. In addition, some of the material will benefit from review by management practitioners in various areas.</u>	
Reviewers selected by:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Designated Outside Organization	

Organization's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Opportunities for Public Comment?                      ☒ Yes                      ☐ No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:    After peer review, the Southern Forest Futures Project Technical and Summary Reports will be released in the form of a public review draft on the Project's web site. Draft reports will be available for public review for 60 days. Authors will then respond to public review comments in finalizing their chapters/Reports for final publication.

When:    Public review occurs after authors have responded to peer review comments and produced the public review draft.

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?                      ☐ Yes                      ☒ No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?                      ☐ Yes                      ☒ No

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

